

Senate File 404 - Introduced

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BY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

(SUCCESSOR TO SF 266)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to supplementary weighting for limited English
2 proficient students and including effective date provisions.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 257.31, subsection 5, paragraph j, Code
2 2013, is amended to read as follows:

3 *j.* Unusual need to continue providing a program or other
4 special assistance to non-English speaking pupils after
5 the expiration of the ~~four-year~~ applicable period of years
6 specified in section 280.4.

7 Sec. 2. Section 280.4, subsection 3, Code 2013, is amended
8 to read as follows:

9 3. *a.* In order to provide funds for the excess costs
10 of instruction of limited English proficient students above
11 the costs of instruction of pupils in a regular curriculum,
12 students identified as limited English proficient shall be
13 assigned an additional weighting of twenty-two hundredths, and
14 that weighting shall be included in the weighted enrollment of
15 the school district of residence for a period not exceeding
16 ~~four~~ the number of years specified in paragraph "b". However,
17 the school budget review committee may grant supplemental aid
18 or modified allowable growth to a school district to continue
19 funding a program for students after the expiration of the
20 ~~four-year~~ specified period of years in paragraph "b".

21 *b.* (1) For students first determined to be limited English
22 proficient for a budget year beginning before July 1, 2013,
23 the additional weighting provided under paragraph "a" shall be
24 included in the weighted enrollment of the school district of
25 residence for a period not exceeding four years.

26 (2) For students first determined to be limited English
27 proficient for the budget year beginning July 1, 2013, the
28 additional weighting provided under paragraph "a" shall be
29 included in the weighted enrollment of the school district of
30 residence for a period not exceeding five years.

31 (3) For students first determined to be limited English
32 proficient for the budget year beginning July 1, 2014, the
33 additional weighting provided under paragraph "a" shall be
34 included in the weighted enrollment of the school district of
35 residence for a period not exceeding six years.

1 be limited English proficient for the budget year beginning
2 July 1, 2013, the additional weighting shall be included in the
3 weighted enrollment of the school district of residence for a
4 period not exceeding five years. For students first determined
5 to be limited English proficient for the budget year beginning
6 July 1, 2014, the additional weighting shall be included in the
7 weighted enrollment of the school district of residence for a
8 period not exceeding six years. For students first determined
9 to be limited English proficient for a budget year beginning
10 on or after July 1, 2015, the additional weighting shall be
11 included in the weighted enrollment of the school district of
12 residence for a period not exceeding seven years.

13 The bill allocates a certain amount of the appropriation
14 under Code section 257.16 for the fiscal year beginning July 1,
15 2013, to be used to adjust weighted enrollments of districts
16 with limited English proficient students to account for the
17 increase in years under the bill.

18 The bill takes effect upon enactment.